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This month's [National Park Getaway](#)

KAILUA-KONA, H.I. – Begin your adventure in Hawai‘i, one of the most remote island chains in the world. You travelled here looking for new experiences—much like the first Polynesians, who set out from distant shores in the South Pacific and arrived in these islands. However, you probably did not sail here by ocean canoe (*wa‘a*), travelling thousands of miles across a treacherous sea.

Now, picture yourself in ancient Hawai‘i, on the shores of Honokohau Beach. Take a deep breath. Feel the hot, windless landscape, but don’t let it stifle your imagination as you step into the past. Can you imagine what the Hawaiians who lived here among these lava flows felt? Would it be difficult to live here? Would their thoughts be of daily survival? [Read more](#)

The National Park Getaways series helps people find new places to connect with nature, history, family, and friends. This month’s Getaway featuring Kaloko-Honokōhau National Historical Park is the 253rd installment in the series. Check out previous Getaways at www.nps.gov/getaways.

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